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Dear USDA,

I wish to comment on the Ugly Ripe Tomato Exemption that the USDA AMS has recently proposed.

I completely agree that varieties like Ugly Ripe should have access to consumer markets and not be prohibited due to shape.

I agree with Mr. Proccaci that consumers want tomatoes that taste good.

There are a whole host of interesting shapes, sizes, colors, textures, and tastes that the world's tomato geneticists can bring to the American consumer to increase their consumption of this healthy vegetable that don't fit the historic "tomato category".

I would think that increasing vegetable consumption is something the USDA is very invested in. So why enact legislation that would impede this?

Sincerely,

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